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RE: U.S. APPLICATION NO. 10/787,526

Dear Examiner Jones,

As discussed during our June 20, 2007 interview, attached please find our proposed independent claim in connection with the above-identified application.

Sincerely,

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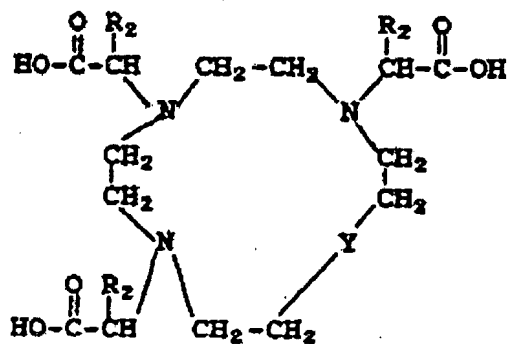
Proposed Independent Claim

A contrast agent composition for use in magnetic resonance, x-ray, ultrasound and radio-diagnostic imaging comprising:

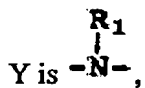
a contrast agent of the formula



where M is a metal ion and L is an organic ligand comprising the formula

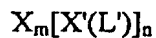


wherein



R_1 is hydroxypropyl and R_2 is methyl; and

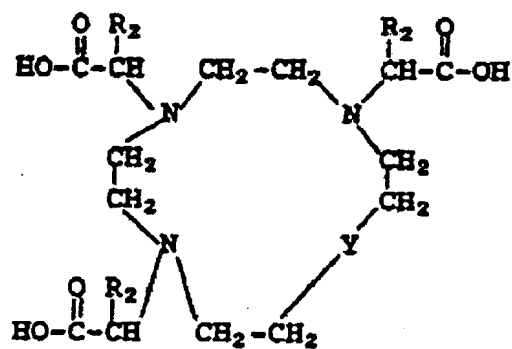
a complex salt excipient of the formula



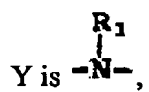
where X and X' are calcium; L' is

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wherein

R₁ is hydroxypropyl and R₂ is methyl;

m is 1 and n is 2.